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Comments: I oppose the proposed changes to rules about "ANILCA cabins."

I acknowledge the importance these cabins have to the permittees, but USFS was right to phase them out over time, because they are clearly incompatible with Wilderness. Furthermore, they constitute a private appropriation of public land.

In my direct experience, I am especially concerned about the cabins in Mud Bay (northern Chichagof Island). These appear to have been used to support activities that include ATV use, significantly degrading the primitive and undeveloped experience for kayakers and other users of the area (I also strenuously object to aircraft landing there, but I am not certain that these activities are related to the cabins).

If the rule is adopted as proposed, much will hinge on the review of whether the uses each cabin supports "are compatible with the purposes for which the unit or area was established." I suggest that many are not, perhaps enough that the proposed change be rejected.